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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER ON VIKING LANDING

- 1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL FROM SECRETARY: QTE DEAR MR. MINISTER: MAY I EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE LANDING OF VIKING I ON MARS. THE EXPLORATION OF MARS WILL SURELY INCREASE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF EARTH, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE RESULTS OF OUR PROGRAMS IN SPACE WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL MANKIND. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QTE.
- 2. FYI FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM VAN DER STOEL: QTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONGRATULATING YOU, AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, ON THE SUCCESSFUL TOUCHDOWN ON MARS OF VIKING I. IT CERTAINLY IS A MOST IMPRESSIVE TRIUMPH FOR AMERICAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY. UNCLASSIFIED

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END QTE.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD GON WISH TO DO SO. KISSINGER	
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